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Grady Kellogg with some of the toys he has collected at "We've Got the Look," for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital.

Fourth grader celebrates season with toy drive

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Grady Kellogg is a small boy, but he has a big heart.

In this season of giving, the nine-year-old is collecting toys, coloring books, and art supplies for donation to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center.

An active fourth-grader at Woodstock Elementary School who keeps busy playing several sports and taking saxophone lessons, Grady hopes the donations will be helpful to children who have to be hospitalized during the holidays.

Although he said he has never had to stay in a hospital himself, he understands that time can pass slowly for kids who have to be away from their family, friends, and usual activities.

He got the idea to help after seeing a YouTube video about a similar effort.

"I was just sitting on the couch, and I saw a video about a toy drive," Grady said.

Children in the video were collecting toys to donate to a children's hospital to help young patients pass the time during their hospital stays.

Grady thought about the video for a while, then,

he said, "I told my mom I wanted to do a toy drive, too."

His mother, Heather Kellogg, contacted the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital and learned that they would be happy to accept donations of new toys in original packaging for distribution to their pediatric patients.

Grady created large collection boxes for the toys with information about his project posted on the side.

He placed one in the office at his school, and another at We've Got the Look, a hair salon on Walkers Mills Road that is owned by his aunt, Holly Roberts.

When Grady stopped in at We've Got the Look last week, he was excited to see that his collection box was filling up with donations of toys and art supplies.

Roberts told him she had also received a number of cash donations, which she will use to shop for additional toys and supplies from the list of suggested donations provided by the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital.

The list includes art supplies like sketch pads, coloring books, crayons, markers, and colored pencils; toy trucks, cars, and trains; picture books and

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Newry works on six-month budget

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen Tuesday discussed some budget items for inclusion in a six-month municipal budget, to be voted upon at the March annual Town Meeting.

The six-month budget is

part of a transition process to change from a calendar year budget format to a fiscal year (July 1-June 30) one. The six-month budget will cover Jan. 1-June 30, 2017.

Another Town Meeting is expected in May, to vote on a full-year budget

for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Among items discussed Tuesday was a town website redesign, at an estimated cost of \$2,500-\$3,500. The redesign would allow the town to make its own changes to the website as needed over time, Town

Administrator Amy Bernard said.

Currently, the town pays a consultant to make those changes, she said.

An upgrade to the town's GIS mapping system is also needed, she said, but

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County recycling question defeated; confusion cited

By LESLIE DIXON
Sun Media

Confusion over a ballot question in the Nov. 8 general election appears to have led to the overwhelming defeat of a plan to terminate the joint recycling agreement and the Oxford County Regional Recycling Corporation.

Voters in more than half the remaining 15 Oxford County towns, townships and plantations involved in the regional program, either voted not to terminate the joint recycling agreement or agreed to hold off on the vote un-

til a future town meeting during the Nov. 8 general election.

In July, Oxford County Regional Recycling Corp. took the first step to dissolve the organization when 12 of the remaining 15 municipalities voted to dissolve the corporation by putting it out to a vote. The 20-year-old organization originally involved about 20 communities, but over the years some towns, like Waterford, have opted out to pursue other avenues such as single-stream recycling at their transfer station.

Escalating transporta-

tion costs and a move toward single-stream recycling made the county recycling program obsolete, corporation officials said.

According to the agreement, member towns had to hold a referendum to make sure each town wanted to terminate the program. The majority of the towns had to pass the measure by a two-thirds vote.

But of the remaining 15 towns only Otisfield, Norway, Paris, Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, Newry and Livermore voted on the request in local refer-

endum questions during the Nov. 8 general election.

Others will have a vote at future town meetings. One town, Hanover, was unaware a vote to terminate was taking place, said OCRRC Chairman Janet Jamison.

Jamison, who said she was appointed chairman of the OCRRC in recent months, said confusion by voters who may have felt a "yes" vote would end recycling, led to the defeat of the measure.

"A lack of marketing and due diligence by board reps led to this failure," said Jamison, who was appointed chairman of the OCRRC with a mandate to shut down the "unnecessary" entity (OCRRC).

Some town officials agreed with Jamison's assessment of the defeat.

Warren Sessions, of the OCRRC recycling station

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Bethel to do sewer usage inventory

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Town of Bethel will soon undertake an inventory of sewer users in order to assess the use status of each property, Town Manager Christine Landes told selectmen last week.

The information will be used in the town's ongoing review of the user fee structure, with a goal of making it more equitable.

"We need to know what we have out there," Landes said.

As part of the inventory, some sewer users may be contacted by letter, she said.

The fairness of the fee structure has been debated for several years, since Bethel re-categorized some older apartment buildings as multiple units to be charged as separate "dwelling units," rather than as entire buildings. Attempts to adjust the fees structure since then have drawn criticism alternately from single-family homeowners and apartment building owners.

TOWN SALARIES UPPED FOR NEW LAW

Also last week selectmen approved increasing the salaries of the town clerk and finance officer in order to comply with a Dec. 1 change in federal overtime law. The salaries will go from \$44,304 each to \$47,476 each.

The law requires that salaried employees in certain categories be paid overtime if they make less than \$47,476. To avoid that, some companies/entities are raising salaries that are under but close to that amount so the employees may continue to work hours as needed, while other companies are keeping compensation the same but directing the employees to avoid overtime.

The Bethel Waste Water Treatment Plant supervisor position was made hourly at the employee's request, Landes said, with overtime allowed only when approved or in cases of emergency.

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Friday, November 25th | 9am-4pm
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www.bethelrotary.org

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Letters

CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILIES

To the Editor:

We would like to let people know that we have the applications ready for anyone who could use some help this time of year. Christmas for Families tries to send something for all ages as we are all children at heart and it is always nice to receive as well as to give.

Also, we would like to take this time to say "Thank You" to all who have already donated to this great cause. We have been doing this in Bethel for more than 35 years and it is always such a great time of year as so many are willing to help others. I see this year-round in our community, from helping families who have lost their homes to fires right to the top with children and their families fighting cancer.

We are already planning a Fund Raiser on Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon at the American Legion in Locke Mills. Please save the date. There will be a raffle with more than 50 gifts to give away. You can play Bingo, have a luncheon and buy from the bake sale. Hope that you can make it. Have fun with your friends and family and help make a better Christmas for others. We look forward to seeing you.

Nina Wheeler, Director
Christmas for Families

ROTARY CLUB EVENTS

To the Editor:

Join us at our events this holiday season.

Sunday, Nov. 27 is our fall Country Breakfast, an all-you-can-eat pancake buffet breakfast served at Ordway Hall at Gould Academy, Church Street, Bethel. It's from 7:30 a.m.-11 a.m. and adults are \$8 (\$10 at the door) and children \$5. Tickets may be purchased at www.Bethel-Rotary.org or from any Rotarian. Proceeds from the breakfast benefit Rotary's local scholarships and community projects.

Greater Bethel Area Senior Citizens ... please join us for the Rotary's Annual Senior Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 13, starting at noon at the Locke Mills American Legion Hall. Share in fellowship and feast on a ham dinner with all the fixings.

The Christmas for Children program celebrates its 29th year in 2016. Rotarians will again be "Ring the Bell" at the Bethel Foodliner this December. More than 88 families and more than 190 children in our area will have a happier Christmas this year because of your donations. Contributions may be sent to Christmas for Children, Rotary Bethel Foundation, PO Box 471, Bethel ME 04217.

The Bethel Rotarians thank you the community for all your support throughout the year and wish you a very wondrous holiday season!

Michele Varuolo Cole
President-Elect
Rotary Club of Bethel

Newry

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that can be done later.

Also discussed was including a recreation "subsidy" in the six-month budget. The town of Bethel has dropped its surcharge for non-Bethel residents participating in Bethel recreational programs, but Bethel is requesting funds from Newry to subsidize the cost of children using the program. About 15 Newry youngsters participated last summer.

The Newry selectmen agreed to include a couple of hundred dollars to cov-

er spring sports participation.

Also okayed was a proposal to buy a new printer to do motor vehicle registrations, at an estimated cost of \$750-\$1,000.

The board decided to put off third party (such as nonprofit organizations) requests for funding until the May Town Meeting, since most of those funds are paid out in August, Bernard said.

The selectboard meets next on Dec. 6 at 7:30 a.m. at the Town Office.

Recycle

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and a Norway selectman, said he believed some Norway residents, particularly the elderly, were afraid the good service that the recycling center offers now would change if they voted to terminate the agreement.

"I am not on the board now, but I believe that we didn't do enough explaining so that the citizens really understood what they were voting on. I think they thought that it was going to end recycling," said Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

Jamison said the board met the night after the election and members agreed they must move forward to terminate the agreement.

"The question is not easily addressed in a large format without extensive marketing, which is obviously difficult with an all-volunteer board," she said.

During the meeting, the board also voted to approve a budget in which all revenues to fund OCRRC will now be taken from existing revenues, Jamison said. The towns will no longer pay dues to the corporation and a letter will be sent to notify member communities that no transport will be provided after June 30, 2017, she said.

The board also voted to direct Sessions to dispose of 20 of the most damaged/ unusable recycling containers. Most likely these will be sold for scrap, Jamison said.

Norway Town Manager David Holt had said before the general election, that if the OCRRC dissolved it would not change how things worked and residents in Norway would not really see any difference in the operation.

"It is unlikely that any of us will notice any difference in our weekly trip to Brown Street with our recyclables," Holt said of the chance that the OCRRC would dissolve. "The facility will be operated by Norway/Paris Solid Waste instead of 17 [15] county towns. The staff will no longer travel around the county picking up recyclables in other towns." Some towns, like Woodstock are already recycling with larger firms such as Pine Tree/Casella, said Maxfield. Others like Milton Township pay to send their recyclables to Greenwood and Woodstock there they are picked up by a recycling company.

Results of Member Community Votes on Dissolution of OCRRC (Two-thirds vote within each town needed, then simple majority of towns needed to pass measure.) Bethel: Yes 620 No 931 Needed 1,034, Failed Denmark: Not on ballot. Will vote at an as of yet unscheduled special town meeting.

Gilead: Not on ballot.

Greenwood: Yes 230 No 217 Needed 298,

Failed Hanover: Not on ballot.

Hebron: Not on ballot. Will vote at annual town meeting in March 2017.

Lincoln Plantation: Results not obtained.

Livermore: Yes 749 No 470 Needed 862,

Failed Newry: Yes 166 No 102 Needed 179,

Failed Norway: Yes 1,173 No 1,338, Needed 1674, Failed Otisfield: Yes 644 No 416,

Needed 707, Failed Milton Township: Not on ballot.

Paris: Yes 1,074 No 884, Needed 1305,

Failed Upton: Not on ballot.

Woodstock: Yes 247 No 437 Needed 456, Failed.

From the Bethel Town Manager's Office

By Christine M. Landes, Town Manager

The Bethel Board of Selectmen have appointed a group of volunteers to serve on an ad hoc sign committee that will work on some updates to the Sign Code. This group will not conduct a comprehensive review of the ordinance at this time, due to the 120 day relaxation of sign enforcement, but will immediately address concerns that appear to be constraining a healthy business climate. These concerns include:

- The blanket prohibition of banners which are intended to be displayed as permanent signs.
- The fifty foot set back restriction on 80 square foot signs where the speed limit is 45 miles per hour or greater.
- The limit on the number of signs when a business has frontage on two major roadways.
- Inclusion of Main Street businesses to participate in the Bethel Sign and Information System that currently restricts their signage to Main Street.
- The standard for waivers, "undue hardship, as defined in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4353" is unnecessarily prohibitive and should be relaxed.
- Any contradictory language found in the ordinance shall be deleted.

Once the review is completed, the Town of Bethel voters will have a chance to speak at a public hearing (yet to be scheduled) and then vote at a special Town Meeting. Please watch our website for published meeting dates of the committee and Board of Selectmen.

Hunting/Fishing licenses will be available on Dec. 1 for the 2017 year. Please remember if it is a first time hunting/archery/crossbow license purchase, proof of a safety course is required.

Our upcoming holiday hours are as follows: closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25; closing on Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 11:30-1 for our employee Christmas luncheon; closing at noon on Friday, Dec. 23; closed Dec. 26, and closed Jan. 2.

May everyone have a safe Thanksgiving! If there is anything I, or the employees of the town can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

Open Air

By Tom Remington

The Buck That Got Away

For many, excitement of the annual rite of passage - deer hunting - swelled a bit after the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) announced they were increasing the allotment of Any-Deer Permits because last winter was so mild that deer were growing out of tree stumps and falling out of the sky. In Zone 12 (Bethel region), Any-Deer Permits jumped from zero to 379...sort of (another story).

I knew better, but...

I find it odd that mild weather, as reported by the experts, so easily results in a growth in wild animals such as deer and at the same time, causes a decrease in the growth of wild animals, such as deer. I think there's an inconvenient truth there somewhere...or a convenient falsehood.

Because, according to experts, deer won't grow in Maine due to, "it's on the 'northern fringe' of its range," deer hunters should welcome man's claim to global warming. If the climate in Maine is warming, however, the deer haven't discovered it yet. My insanity is, I keep heading into the woods thinking this year things will be different.

I made my own annual pilgrimage to Hunting Camp with expectations soaring, believing I might actually spot a deer in the woods. With DIFW's increase - by 60 percent - of permits, surely just spotting a deer, the chances would increase.

Experience with hunting the near 1,000 acres surrounding Hunting Camp, told me that the "big boys" might be holed-up on the south side of the mountain, basking in the sunlight of a crisp November day and staying out of the wind. I headed there.

When the old twitch road ended, I continued to head uphill. The climb was different from the flat earth of Florida I have grown accustomed to in the past 20 years. I persisted.

The deep oak and beech leaves made movement noisy as well as slippery. As I got closer to the summit, the terrain steepened and more numerous and larger rocks protruded from the piles of rotting leaves.

I was moving as slowly and quietly as I could - in dried leaves and with an aging body. As always, unexpectedly, the buck dashed downhill out in front of me, perhaps a mere 10 yards away. I had to be sure it was not a doe. I scanned for antlers. Nothing!

My heart rate quickened, pounding so hard that it even muffled the crash of leaves caused by the bounding, near slow motion of the escaping animal. What a feeling! This was the thrill and excitement I have missed for several years.

It had been so many years since I successfully stalked wild game, I think I have lost my edge. The "buck" was but a mere buck rabbit. He was a monster, though. I'm guessing he would have woods-dressed at 4.8 or 4.9 pounds. I knew this from the pounding of his feet as he took long and graceful leaps, zig-zagging as he fled danger.

The fur on the critter was white and gray. Not sure I'd seen so much gray on a snowshoe hare at this time of year before. He looked very healthy - perhaps a rare leftover from the several coyotes that in past years have dominated the landscape. Maybe that's why this rabbit was big.

A real trophy.

A brief thought came to me that perhaps a young entrepreneur should strike up a rabbit watching business, but as quickly dismissed the thought realizing a climate controlled SUV probably couldn't drive up the side of the mountain to find the rabbits. Next year I know things will be different.

Insanity!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Telstar High School's Twenty-one Bethel area Red Hat Ladies attended a luncheon at the Gideon Hastings House.

Births: Kamilah Alexa Villanueva.

Deaths: Marilyn E. Bell, Eleanor F. Nelson, John Kendall Brown.

20 years ago: The nonprofit Bethel Data Corporation had more than 100 subscribers for its low-cost Internet access, and the number was steadily growing.

Ice near the shore of Umbagog Lake was about two inches thick.

Births: Kyler Babcock Walker, Jade Adriana Morin, Chloe Brianna Krekelberg, Isaac Malabre Mills.

Deaths: Horace L. Cobb, Bernard S. Fitzmorris, Daniel K. Lamontagne.

30 years ago: A 40x43-foot addition was being constructed at Ledgeview Home in West Paris to be used as a lobby, gift store, and office space.

The Bethel Inn opened its ski touring center Nov. 22, becoming the first local center to offer groomed trails for the new season.

Birth: Jarod Blake Verrill.

Death: Blanche O. Bennett.

40 years ago: World War I veterans George Powers, Maynard Chase, Charlie Andrews, Irving Martine, Alanson Cummings, and Paul Head participated in the Veterans Day parade at Locke Mills.

Swine flu vaccine clinics were being held throughout the area.

The monthly meeting of the Senior Citizens was held at Sunday River Inn with 81 attending.

Deaths: Miss Margaret Olson; Sidney O. Bartlett, Leonard A. Porter.

50 years ago: The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Butters on the Northwest Bethel Road was gutted by fire, and suffered considerable water damage.

Ten members of the MYF, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker and Rev. Donald Hess, visited the Shaker Village at Sabbathday Lake.

Births: Darren Edward White, Steven Edward Tibbetts.

Death: Mrs. Susan E. Capen.

60 years ago: Christmas Club checks totaling \$21,627 were mailed by the Bethel branch of Casco Bank & Trust Co. to 228 club members.

Death: Mrs. Mary E. Lapham.

70 years ago: The proceeds of the annual Christmas sale of the Methodist Church was \$450.

Three flocks of wild geese were seen flying north the week of Nov. 15.

The Junior Philharmonic Orchestra of Portland made an appearance at the Bingham Gymnasium.

Death: Mrs. Annie C. Gordon.

80 years ago: A meeting for all of those interested in forming a Winter Sports Club was held in the rooms over Rowe's store.

George Bennett bought the George Auger property in West Bethel.

Deaths: Mrs. Cora Wittichell, Fred I. Brown.

90 years ago: "Johnnie's Bridge" below Locke Mills was replaced with one of cement. The approaches were also made more safe.

110 years ago: A local telephone line was being built from the Bethel central to the stock farm at Northwest Bethel owned by Wm. C. Chapman. Poles were also being set for a new line from Bethel over Howe Hill to Locke's Mills.

John Martin, Rumford Point, went to Greenwood and bought a yoke of oxen to log in the lumber on the Bragg farm.

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TELSTAR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING DINNER—The THS National Honor Society held its annual dinner for area senior citizens Sunday at the school's cafeteria. Some 200 seniors turned out. Here, NHS members speak to the gathering before food is served. *A. Aloisio*



Ring found; owner sought

A Masonic ring was found in the Telstar High School parking lot before Sunday's annual National Honor Society Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner. The owner is asked to contact SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy at 824-2185.

the people who will take our places 25 or 50 years from now, some of the habits, customs, thoughts and pleasures of the average person living in Bethel in 1931, so that you who may read this in 1956 or 1981 (or 2011) may compare your lot with ours. About everyone has an automobile of some kind, which will travel over our roads safely at the rate of 45 miles per hour. The majority of these cars cost approximately \$600 new, and 70 percent of the cars one sees are in this class, about 60 percent being purchased on the installment plan."

Wages are from \$3 to \$3.50 per day for the ordinary workman. For the past year and a half, we have been passing through the greatest depression of all times, and extending throughout the entire world. If, however, history repeats itself, conditions will be better before long. We look back 50 years and see many changes that have taken place during those times and these, and try to imagine what the future holds for you."

"About everyone has a radio, this being invented only about eight years ago and every day becoming more active as a source of pleasure and interest. Recently we have heard a great deal of television, but as yet it has not been placed on the market."

George and Grace Thompson built the very attractive cottage on the corner of Church Street and Winter Streets opposite the Gould Academy field house.

To read more: http://www.thebetheljournals.info/1931/Bethel_1931.pdf.

Toys

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board books; play kitchen toys; and rattles and teething toys for infants. All toys and supplies must be new and in original packaging, and should not be gift-wrapped, al-

though the hospital is also happy to receive donations of wrapping paper and gift bags.

Grady's collection boxes will be at WES and We've Got the Look until

Saturday, Dec. 3, after which he and his family will organize all the donations and prepare them for delivery to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital on the weekend of Dec. 10.

Bethel

By DON BENNETT



We're Going Live Tomorrow

You and Good Night" by the Senior

College Players started off at the director's desk of the Bethel Radio Theater WMSB with Ross Timberlake on the phone — the opening acts featured the flailing around by the cast who, faced with several lapses and glitches, were unready to handle "We're Going Live Tomorrow." It was a full house that watched as the story unfolds at the McLaughlin Auditorium.

Great hiking at Barker Mountain Sunday River has set

Nov. 23 as its opening day. Last year Oct. 19 was opening day. Saturday morning I went up to the Barker Mt. Lodge to see if I could find any snow. On one trail way up you could see some snow along a tree line boundary of one trail. As I was starting back to the main lodge, a party of about eight people was starting out to hike up the main lift line trail. This group had a fine sunny day for their hike.

Remembering Mike O'Donnell

More often than not Mike and I would meet near the Bethel Post Office at mail time in the middle to late morning. One day in August 2008, Mike asked me if would include a letter from him to the people of Bethel in the coming week's Bethel news. A

day or two later I received his letter which started by saying he had just read in Danna Nickerson's column that it was 40 years ago that he had opened his law office on Main Street. Mike wrote that "As I look back on the past 40 years I find that I don't have time to count the many, many blessings while residing in Bethel. If I had any part of the past four decades to change I can't think of anything that I would want to alter.... But more importantly, I want to say to the community, past and present, THANK YOU!" Mike's letter was in the

Sept. 4, 2008, Bethel news.

Message from 1931

by George Thompson Eighty-five years ago during the early depression year of 1931, Bethel's George Thompson wrote this public letter to the citizens of 1956 and 1981. Mr. Thompson, Superintendent of the N.S. Stowell mill in Bethel after moving here in 1924, was one of the town's most respected, well-educated citizens. He wrote his paper for the 1931 Bethel Citizen Special Edition.

Some excerpts of Message are, "The writer would like to convey to

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By LINDA HOWE



Hello, Bethel Citizens - Happy Thanksgiving to all!

I am always thankful for opportunities to take in a live musical performance. Good live music has an energy and intimacy that can't be captured through recordings. On Sunday I got to experience a new fine arts venue up in Gorham, N.H. It is located at the Gorham Town Hall, a brick building with

a white clock tower located near the town public green with a railway station across the street. According to the website this building was built in 1915 but burnt to the ground in 1917. The Town Hall was rebuilt in 1918. By 2005 the Opera House needed renovations and finally reopened in 2011. The Gorham Board of Selectmen chose to rename the space The Medallion Opera House because they wanted to recognize the historical aspect, along with the eight-foot ceiling medallion. This building is an excellent example of citizens working together

to make a historical building a vibrant part of their community serving as the town hall with municipal offices, police station, and fine arts venue.

Patrick Ross and Hot Flannel is a bluegrass group that played on Sunday afternoon. Patrick plays the violin with bandmates playing guitar, stand-up bass, mandolin, and banjo. This group was incredibly talented with lightning speed chord changes and insanely fast strumming. They blended their instruments with such ease and versatility. Patrick Ross comes from a Franco-American family

living in Berlin, N.H. At the age of 12, the community had a benefit to raise money to send him to an exclusive violin school in Nashville, Tenn. He is a virtuoso on the violin. This group was highly entertaining and much fun.

In Bethel we have some live, musical events coming up at our local churches. On Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. our very own Mahosuc Community Band will present its annual concert at the West Parish Congregational Church located on Church St. This concert will be a mix of traditional music and Christmas favorites. It is always

fun seeing our friends, neighbors, co-workers and fellow citizens in this talented community band. Donations will be accepted at the door to help defray the cost of music.

On Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. the Bethel United Methodist Church located on Main Street will provide the venue for the Gould Academy Chamber Ensemble. The Chamber Ensemble is directed by Gould's Edison Quinotoa and coached by Thomas Mesa through the distance learning partnership between Gould and the Manhattan School of Music. It is amazing how technology can connect long distance teachers and students to enhance learning. What a fantastic opportunity for a high school student who has a passion for playing an instrument at a high level of performance. The instrumentation for this ensemble includes four violins, two cellos, three flutes, and piano. This concert is free and open to the public.

There are two literary events also taking place in Bethel on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Story Time takes place at 10 a.m. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a reading and book signing with Anne Morin at the Bethel Library.

Folks with news or events can reach me at 824-2328 or email at lhowe7273@gmail.com

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Congratulations to Kory Harrington who got his very first deer,

a 131 lb. 6-pointer. Both Kory and Mom are very proud.

Many of you enjoyed the first ever appearance of singer/songwriter and guitarist Denny Breau in Hanover at this year's Celebration of Fall. You will have another chance to hear him in concert this coming weekend. Denny will be joined by Mark Miller and Arlo West this Sunday, Nov. 27 at 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, 490 Pleasant St., Lewiston. The trio will perform a variety of blues, jazz, and original compositions.

Don't miss the largest Christmas Parade in the State of Maine this Saturday, Nov. 26 beginning at 11 a.m. The parade starts on Main Street in Norway and ends at Market Square in South Paris with many good viewing spots along the way. This year's theme is "The Sounds of Christmas." Following the parade be sure to stop by the Festival of Trees, located at Twin Town Plaza, 243 Main St., South Paris (next to Olympia Sports.) There will be many beautifully decorated trees on display. You may purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win your favorite tree. All proceeds from this annual fundraiser will go to Right Start and food pantries in the Oxford Hills. The event is free and open to the public. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Andover

By JANE RICH



I'm not in possession of much news this week as I spent three days at the CMMC hospital trying to get my A-Fib under control, which so far has seemed to work.

The deer count in Andover now stands at 39. I also know there are at least two other deer running around with wounds. They were shot, but evidently have their healing and protection devices because the prudent hunters, after much searching could not find them.

The next Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club meeting will be held



Left: The Senior College Players at their Saturday performance; above, George Thompson; below, hikers enjoy the nice day Saturday on Barker Mountain slopes at Sunday River. See Bethel Bennett column for more. D. Bennett; Goddard Studio (Thompson photo)



East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Just as I sat down to write, this bleak rainy Sunday afternoon turned bright and sunny, with the remaining raindrops sparkling on tree branches. I find it hard to believe that we are already half way through November.

On the weekend of Nov. 12, Dory and her husband Carlton Thurston of Durham, were here to visit Arlene Harrington. They enjoyed a nice visit together.

Please, don't forget to call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com. I always love the phone calls and emails.

Here is the answer to the Trivia question: Urban C. Bartlett, Jr. was honored by the State Grange as Maine's Tree Farmer of the Year.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the Holiday with family and friends. Those who have to travel, be safe. Happy Thanksgiving.

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

There was much excitement for this family last week when my oldest grandson proposed to his girlfriend of five years. High school sweethearts.

Reese was so romantic and imaginative in the way he did this that it just about burst this grandmother's heart with pride not to mention the tear or two that slipped from my eyes.

The girlfriend, Ezabel, was led on a scavenger hunt that Reese set up with written clues leading her to the next written clue. Several pointers took Ezabel to many locations and two towns with the final clue at my house, which led her to the park where she and Reese first met.

She found Reese in the gazebo where he presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers then on bended knee he said: "We have been together for five years and I would like to spend the rest of my life with you, will you marry me?" Of course, she said "yes," and he placed the ring on her finger. That is just so romantic. I don't think we give young people enough credit when it comes to matters of the heart.

I wish I could say that

I have such a romantic memory of my engagement, but sadly I do not. My husband, bless his unromantic heart handed me a diamond ring (very small diamond) that he had found in a mud puddle long before I met him.

He said that if I was willing to wear the ring he guessed I could consider it an engagement ring and we should probably get married. Needless to say, I

I don't think we give young people enough credit when it comes to matters of the heart.

wore the ring.

Engagement rings were not always part of the proposal process. Sometime, probably in the sixth century according to historians, the groom was expected to split something of value, like a piece of gold or silver and give half of it not to the bride to be but to her father. On the wedding day, the other half of the item of value also went

to the father. I suspect the bride had little say about any of this.

Betrothal rings first started showing up sometime in the 16th century again according to historians and might be of any material that could be fashioned into a ring. Again, I don't think the bride to be had much choice in the matter, and the betrothal ring was used more like a brand of ownership than a romantic symbol.

In the 17th century, same historians, the betrothal ring became known as an engagement ring for whatever reason, and the diamond became the stone of choice. I think at this point in history with the exception of some cultures the bride-to-be did have a choice whether to accept the ring or not.

We've come a long way baby and Ezabel readily accepted her engagement ring making not only Reese but the whole family quite happy. No wedding date has been set, but I'm sure that when that time comes, Reese will make the wedding vows as extraordinary as the engagement and the way I see it even his grandfather will appreciate the romance of it all.

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in conjunction with a potluck supper at the clubhouse off Route 5, on Dec. 7 beginning at 6 p.m. After enjoying the creations of some of Andover's best cooks, a meeting will be held at 7 p.m. All persons interested in snowmobiling are invited to attend, and the supper and meeting will give them an opportunity to sign up as members.

There was a lot of traffic in town on Saturday supporting the "Spirit of the Village" shopping day in Andover as both floors of the Town Hall had vendors and crafters while the annual Christmas Fair at the First Congo Church also went on. People told me the Town Hall event was a huge success. There was a pie sale where one person bought a pumpkin pie and wouldn't even know, won one in a raffle. I've been told he found a good home for the second pie. Congratulations and thanks to all who helped make this a success.

TOWN OFFICE HAPPENINGS

The most recent selectmen's meeting was a workshop to address several areas including assessing issues and budgetary problems. Wage and bill warrants were approved and signed.

On Saturday the Budget Committee consisting of the three selectmen, Dick Merrill, and Hallie Hutchins, who volunteered when he read the need in my column, began preparing the Town Budget for 2017. Budget figures were agreed on with votes for the Planning Board, Appeals Board, EMA Director and E-911 Addressing as well as the health officer. These deliberations enabled us to cut some from last year's figures which are what we hope to do for others. However, there are certain things that just need to happen, and they require money to be raised. I'll try to keep you informed about this.

I understand that the DOT meeting regarding the Merrill Bridge replacement was very informative and that our State Representative, Fran Head, was present for the meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and of course, don't eat too much turkey. Save some for sandwiches later. May you remember all the blessings that have been showered on you such as family, friends, shelter, clothing and food.

We are so blessed in this country and often do not realize it.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! Of course, Christmas merchandise

appeared in stores before the leftover Halloween candy was all sold, but Thanksgiving week marks the start of the holiday season for me. I haven't been doing much baking lately, but this week I'll make rolls and pies for our Thanksgiving dinner with my brother's family, and I usually plan to start my Christmas cookie marathon almost as soon as the turkey leftovers are put away.

I don't do a lot of outdoor decorating, but I'm hoping to get that done soon, too. Some years I put it off so long that it doesn't even seem worth it to put up outdoor lights, then take them down again soon after Christmas. But I do enjoy looking up at the little log cabin playhouse Tony built years ago for the kids and seeing it decorated with white lights and a wreath. And I like having candles in all of the windows of our house and lights on the big fir tree next to the road, so I'll try to get those up this coming weekend.

On my agenda for this afternoon (Sunday) is making my annual flock of Oreo turkeys, which always takes longer than I think it will. I debate with myself every year about whether or not to make them, but I've discovered that once I do some holiday thing a few years in a row, it attains the status of a tradition, and I have a hard time deciding not to do it. Which, come to think of it, explains why I feel compelled to make and give away upwards of 2,000 Christmas cookies every year.

In the spirit of taking some time to enjoy the holiday season, I'm looking forward to attending a few of the many events in the Bethel area and beyond, beginning with the Local Craft and Wares Fair on Friday. It will be held at the Bethel Inn Conference Center from 9-5 and will feature more than 30 local vendors.

Friday will also be the first afternoon of horse-drawn wagon rides around Bethel, which will also be offered every Saturday afternoon from 1-3 through Dec. 17.

Another annual event I try not to miss is the Christmas Tea and Fair at the West Parish Congregational Church, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 1-4 p.m. It was always one of my mom's favorite events of the year, and she

spent hundreds of hours all year round knitting mittens and other items for the fair.

I popped in very briefly at the Business After Hours at The Local Hub last Thursday before I had to go back to work, and I realized once again how fortunate we are to have this vibrant and welcoming business here in Locke Mills. The atmosphere there is always warm and cozy, and the food is always fantastic. No wonder their parking lot is often filled!

Several of the people at the Business After Hours had attended the Mahoosuc Community Trails Symposium at Mt. Abram that day, and all said it was a great event that helped to build understanding among diverse groups of trail users.

Email your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, find me on Facebook, or give me a call at 890-4812. And have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

"Be present in all things and thankful for all things." -Maya Angelou

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



I was disappointed last week when I did not find an article that I could have sworn I wrote, but could not locate in the paper. I couldn't even find it in my computer "documents" file, so I guess it must be early onset dementia.

At any rate, on Sunday of last week, (or was it the week before?) as Mona and I drove northbound on the Flat road, we saw the largest bald eagle sitting atop one of the large maple trees on Reggie Gilbert's lawn that either of us had ever seen. The big bird's snow white head shone brightly in the brilliant morning sunshine. We drove to Bethel for a few items at the grocery store and returned to the Flat Road a while later, and the eagle was still perched in the same tree! We stopped and tried unsuccessfully to take a picture with my TracFone for several minutes, and finally drove home, leaving the great bird serenely savoring his surroundings. I must admit that my not-so-smart cell phone is still smarter than I am most of the time.

Ever try assembling something that was supposed to be "so easy a child could do it" and find it anything but easy? Katrina asked me to help her assemble her new storage shed which arrived in two cardboard boxes on a wooden pallet weighing over 600 pounds altogether. When she opened the

boxes, she found plastic bags full of hundreds of various size screws and other do-dads, each identified by three easy to read letters and a series of numbers. When we looked into the instruction booklet, we found that most of the identification codes did not match the ones on the bags of materials! Kate phoned and complained to the manufacturer about the mismatched items, receiving no satisfaction whatever. She did find that the company provides an updated assembly instruction booklet on line which she can read on her smart phone, which does help some.

As of Sunday evening and after working two complete afternoons, we have completed assembly of the plastic floor, all four walls, the double doors and about a third of the roof. Everything except the hardware such as screws, springs and roof trusses are made of plastic, leaving me wondering how long all those screws will hold those plastic pieces together in the wind and weather! So far, it looks really good, and we're hoping to have assembly completed in a couple more afternoons of work. Hopefully, the completed 8 foot X 12 foot structure will be wind and waterproof and will last its promised lifetime.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW met at the home of Alice Hoyt Monday, Nov. 14 for a

regular meeting and nominations of officers. The officers will stay the same for the next year. It was voted to have no meetings in January and February. Next meeting will be Dec. 12 with the exchange of gifts and a tasting party.

Nine daughters attended the Locke Mills Legion Veterans Day program. Items were donated for the Tugus Veterans gift shop. Sally and Elsie will take them to Augusta. Fifteen calls were reported, and Elsie won the mystery prize.

Services at the Baptist Church are: Sunday school for all ages at 9:15, Morning worship at 10:30, Evening services at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. is mid-week service, also Bloom for Girls 13 to 18, and Foundations for Guys 15 and up. Saturday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. will be a special Christmas party. There will be snacks and giveaways as well as a Yankee Swap. A special time of fellowship for the church family. Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. is Ladies

From the OCS

Patrol Log

Monday, Nov. 14

At 9:28 a.m. Sgt. Matt Baker investigated a criminal mischief complaint on Church Street in Bethel.

At 4:25 p.m. a caller from Main Street in Hanover reported suspicious circumstances that led the complainant to believe someone had tried to enter the residence. Deputy Chris Davis was assigned.

At 10:27 p.m. a report of harassment was received from Main Street in Woodstock. Deputy Josh Daley was assigned.

Tuesday, Nov. 15

At 2:13 p.m. Deputy Josh Wyman responded to North Main Street in Woodstock for a two-vehicle crash.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

At 8:27 a.m. Deputies Matt McDonnell and Derek MacDonald responded to the Gore Road in Greenwood for a single vehicle personal injury crash. The driver was taken to Stephens Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The Greenwood Fire Department and Central Maine Power assisted on scene.

Thursday, Nov. 17

At 5:08 a.m. Deputy Josh Aylward stopped a vehicle on Vernon Street in Bethel for erratic operation. Further investigation found the driver was intoxicated and had a conditional license not to consume alcohol when operating a motor vehicle. Jose Andrade, 51, of Albany was charged with OUI and operating without a license.

Friday, Nov. 18

At 5:59 a.m. Deputy James McLamb responded to a property damage accident on the East Bethel Road in Bethel.

Saturday, Nov. 19

At 1:02 a.m. Zoltan Motolcsy, 51, of Paris was arrested on Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for OUI and disorderly conduct.

At 6:57 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a single vehicle rollover on Hunts Corner Road in Albany. There were no injuries.

Day Out to see "A Christmas Carol" in Auburn.

The open house at the Universalist Church had a good crowd. The Historical Society has done a good job of fixing it up.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens group will meet on Thursday, Dec. 1 at the Woodstock fire station for a meeting and dinner put on by the firemen. If you wish to exchange gifts bring one of the following, a man for a man or a lady for a lady. Also, gifts for Kids for Christmas should be brought to this meeting.

The Christmas tree lighting will be Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. on the common. Following the tree lighting, there will be cookies with Santa at the school.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. No matter how you celebrate

or who you celebrate with, take a moment to be thankful for having the opportunity to be able to celebrate in whatever way you choose.

My brother, Steve McLain, took a turn tending the Town of Gilead's Transfer Station Saturday morning while the regular attendant, John, has been unable to work for a couple of weeks. Alfred Leighton has also been keeping the transfer station open.

Saturday, November 19th, Lise McLain attended the Gardens Aglow Christmas lights display at the Botanical Gardens in Boothbay (www.mainegardens.org). Seniors are given a discount.

Steve and Lise McLain attended the Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by the National Honor Society at Telstar High School. Steve and Lise McLain want to congratulate their nephew, Jarrod Crockett, for winning the elected position of Judge of Probate in Oxford County.

While Hugh and I were in South Paris the other day we ran into Davis and Sharon Kimball. They seem to like to eat at Market Square Restaurant as much as we do when we get the chance. They said that they had been busy chauffeuring grandchildren around, and we certainly know that job is very important. Last Saturday, Hugh and

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Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.

For answers to questions about adopting or fostering a pet, or to make an inquiry about a lost animal, call Responsible Pet Care after noon at 743-8679.

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I headed for Auburn. We met up with Bob and Judy Bishop at the First Universalist Church of Auburn where the Gingerbread Fair (a Christmas Craft Fair) was going on. Lots of interesting items, from books to gift baskets, and a table of home baked goodies. Lunch was being served and dessert was gingerbread. We picked up a few items and certainly some items from the food table. While we were there, I had a nice conversation with a woman named Anne, who was helping Bob with the book sale table. She actually knew where Gilead was! Judy had filled her in on some of the happening at the Gilead Historical Society.

We missed the musical program, which was Phil House at the piano. That

was disappointing, but Judy introduced us to him and he gave us a copy of his recent CD. We were entertained on the trip home with beautiful piano music. After visiting with Bob and Judy, we headed for Staples to pick up some office supplies.

We stopped at the grocery store in Bethel on the way home, and ran into someone I hadn't seen for quite some time, Kristin Gibson. It was nice to visit with her and catch up a little bit.

Gilead Historical Society The GHS Fall newsletter is finally done. That is a job that we are always glad to finish. Copies were mailed out on Saturday to all dues paying members.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com.

NAMI Maine offers mental health First Aid in Western Maine

NAMI Western Mountains, Maine affiliate announces upcoming NAMI Mental Health First Aid courses in Fryeburg and Bethel. Mental Health First Aid is a national best-practice, evidenced-based certification course. It is eight hours long and leads to a three-year certification issued by the National Council on Behavioral Health. It is like regular First Aid, but it teaches you how to help someone experiencing a mental health problem or crisis to help keep the situation from escalating until professional help arrives. You will learn to identify, understand and respond to signs of addiction and mental health problems. The courses are free to participants with a \$5 lunch fee (provided by The First Congregational Church on Main St.) This course is for anyone who lives, works, or interacts with adolescents ages 12 to 18 on a regular basis: parents, family, teachers, caregivers, neighbors, etc.

On Friday, Dec. 2, there will be an Adult Mental Health First Aid course offered in Fryeburg at the Legion Hall on Bradley Street. This course is for anyone age 16 or older who lives, works or interacts with persons age 18 or over and wants to learn how to help a person experiencing a mental health challenge.

On Friday, Dec. 16, there will be a Youth Mental Health First Aid course offered at the West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. This course focuses on recognizing and responding to mental health challenges in adolescents/teens.

For more information and to register for any of these courses, go to <http://www.namimaine.org/events/> or call NAMI Maine: 1-800-464-5767 ext. 2320. For local information, you may call NAMI Western Mountains, ME affiliate leader Dottie Adams, 364-2197.

WMNF mineral management

The White Mountain National Forest is in the process of improving the management of the minerals resource across the forest. Due to a significant increase in mineral collecting activity, the Forest Service is concerned about adverse natural resource impacts and the sustainability of the minerals resource for future generations. To address these concerns, we are exploring strategies for the management of our mineral resource with the goal of providing collecting opportunities that will be sustainable into the future.

Three meetings are planned for anyone interested in discussing future improvements to the minerals program. The information collected will better inform management decisions. Meetings include a 6 p.m. one on Thursday, Dec. 1, Androscoggin Ranger District, 300 Glen Road, Gorham, N.H..

If you are unable to attend, please submit comments to Rick Alimi ralimi@fs.fed.us, or to the Saco Ranger District, 33 Kancamagus Hwy, Conway, N.H. 03818. There will be an additional public comment period once the formal planning process begins. Additional questions can be directed to Alimi at 603-447-5448.

Telstar Middle School update

This week's TMS installment will report on the sixth-grade team's core classes:

Science: Mrs. Slattery reports that it's all about the weather - what is it, how does it form, how is it measured are being studied in our class. Students have been tracking our local weather and the weather data being collected by a NOAA buoy in the ocean. We started about a month ago and will continue until the winter solstice so the change of seasons data can be shown. Students are amazed at how some weather changes are quick and some are slow. Cloud formations, atmospheric levels, convection currents and even how a convection current can trap plastic in the ocean! Also being studied are the lunar phases and how the earth's tilt is responsible for our seasons. After the Christmas break, we will start gearing up for our Science Fair.

Math: Mrs. Davis reports that students have become masters of using prime factor trees to determine the GCF and LCM of numbers. They have also learned about exponents and square roots. As of today, they have completed 21 of their 100 minutes and are on schedule for meeting their goal before the end of the school year. In math workshop, sixth graders are focusing on statistics and different ways to display data. We will be holding a Slow Bicycle Race to collect data to display in the stem and leaf charts, histograms and scatter plots as well as calculating mean, mode, median, and range.

ELA: Miss Davis reports that stu-

dents have made book choices to move into a book group. Each week they will read an assigned part of the book, ask questions and respond to their reading with other group members using a website called Edmodo. Students have also finished their first narrative story, are receiving feedback, and will be able to choose to start a new story or continue to work on their first story to make improvements.

Social Studies: Miss. Killem reports that students are starting their study of Ancient Egypt. They read "Tut Tut" by Jon Scieszka, and have been working with Egyptian related vocabulary. They will soon be learning about Howard Carter and his discovery along with all the other wonders of Ancl.

After School Activities:

Winter Sports: Check out the website for updates on Basketball, and Alpine and Nordic Skiing, MKA: daily Monday-Thursday after school until 4 p.m. Check out the website for a schedule of their activities. They are already underway in their fall programs which include cooking, Lego League, Got Farms and creating display projects to be shown at the local county fairs.

After School Academy (ASA): After school on Tuesdays until 4 p.m. This is a time for homework to get done, for students who have missed school or have fallen behind to make up assignments, and for students who can not take their laptops home to use this time to get work done.

Announcements:

Late buses; run Monday- Friday,

at 5:15.

We need your help! Box Tops for Education program: Please save your Boxtops for Education labels. Please send them to school so that we can turn them into cash for our school. The seventh graders have created a competition for RAP rooms to participate in!

TMS PTA ANNOUNCEMENT: PTA is offering Telstar logo T-shirts, long sleeve shirts, hoodies, and sweatpants for sale through the TMS website under "News." Embroidered baseball caps will be for sale at the basketball games.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, Nov. 30: November STARS assembly 9:50.

Friday, Dec. 2:

End of second trimester.

Activity Night 6:30-8:30.

Deadline for PTA clothing orders.

Monday, Dec. 5: Alcohol Awareness Day

Tuesday, Dec. 6: 6 p.m. PTA meeting in the Telstar library

Save the upcoming dates:

Tuesday, Dec. 13: 7 p.m. Winter Concert for THS and TMS

Friday, Dec. 16: Sixth-grade field trip to the Portland Museum of Science

Continue to check out our TMS website at www.tms.sad44.org. We continue to add new features, and it is a great place to remain informed of TMS news, game schedules, homework grade level calendars, morning announcements, parent newsletters and upcoming events.

Cancer Resource Center December calendar

The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine, located in the Stephens Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic building at 199 Main Street, Norway, announces their December calendar. The Center offers a variety of free programs to people impacted by cancer throughout the month.

This month they are excited about their new Banding Together To Restore exercise class offered on Mondays at Richard Bader Physical Therapy. This class is free for cancer survivors, caregivers and those in treatment. Check their website www.crcowm.org for more information, find them on Facebook or call Sherri at 890-7063. In the case of inclement weather, activities sponsored by the center are canceled when SAD 17 cancels school.

Drop in hours are every Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are available to provide comfort items such as port protectors, wigs, hats, pillows or find resources. Pick up brochures or use our lending library. The Center is also a place to enjoy a cup of

coffee or tea, chat with a volunteer or take time for yourself by participating in activities offered.

Banding Together To Restore; Mondays, Dec. 5,

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Women's Cancer Support

Group; Tuesday,

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p.m. Bring a bag lunch or

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744-6173 for more information.

Men's Cancer Support

Group; Dec. 13 and 27, 4-5

p.m. Vance Jordan will

lead this encouragement

and support group. Men

who have recently been

recently diagnosed with

cancer, in treatment or

are survivors are invited

to attend as well as men

who are or have been care-

givers. Please call Vance

at 583-2975 or Sherri at 890-7063 for more information.

Stampin' Up; Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2-3:30 p.m. Kathy provides materials and instruction to make a variety of cards. It is fun and easy to do.

Christmas Crafts; Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sherri and others will lead craft activities. Materials will be provided. Bring a lunch and spend the day with us.

Community Cancer Cut and Sew; Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-noon and Wednesday, Dec. 21, 4-7 p.m. at Sew Orchid Design, 316 Main, Norway. Participants cut out material for bonnets and other comfort items needed by the Center. Sewing kits are assembled for people to take home to sew or sew them while you are there.

Guided Meditation Gathering; Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1-1:45 p.m. Guided meditation promotes relaxation, which will lower your stress. Using your imagination, along with your five senses, you may find yourself in a tranquil state that is rejuvenating. There are no known risks associated with guided meditation, so why not give it a try! Susan Kane will lead the meditation.

Reiki 1; Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1-2 p.m. Reiki is a gentle, hands-on technique intended to relieve stress and discomfort and to complement the medical treatments prescribed by your physician. Charlotte LaBelle will be our

instructor. Individual sessions may be scheduled with Charlotte between 2:30 and 5 p.m. Call Sherri, 890-7063 to schedule your session.

Crafting with Barbara; Wednesday, Dec. 21 1-3 p.m. at Sew Orchid Design, 316 Main, Norway. Barbara Daigle is teaching a series of non-sewing or beginner sewing crafts for participants to complete.

Knitting and Crocheting; Thursdays 10-11:30 a.m.

Coloring for Adults; Thursdays 1-2 p.m. Coloring books and various markers are available.

Yoga for Wellness; Fridays 8-9 a.m. Either Kat Larsen or Sherri will teach the class at the center, which will include breathing, movement and relaxing meditation while seated or standing. Check the website for more information.

Cards and Games; Fridays 1-2 p.m. Various games are available or participants may bring one of their own to get a game started.

Chair Yoga; Fridays 2-3 p.m. Sherri leads the class in chair yoga. No mats are necessary, chairs are provided.

Walk and Talk with David; Call 739-7027. Looking for someone to walk around Norway or South Paris with? David will share his favorite walking routes, call him to schedule a time.



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Local Craft & Wares Fair Friday, November 25

Avoid the mall insanity on Black Friday - shop locally with 35+ handmade craft vendors right in the village of Bethel. Located at the Bethel Inn Resort's Conference Center, the fair features Christmas and home decor, jewelry, toys, accessories, art, natural bath & beauty products, and lots more and runs from 9am-4pm. FMI: www.bethelmaine.com

S. Timberlake Grand Opening Friday, November 25

S. Timberlake, makers of Shaker and Custom furniture, invites you to see their new collection of home furnishings and their popular Shaker chairs and counter stools. Featured items include S. Timberlake's trademark woodenware and cutting boards, Shaker boxes from Brent Rourke, and lithopane night lights from Porcelain Garden. Events will include tours of the workshops, Shaker chair seat weaving, refreshments, and door prizes. Open 9am-6pm

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides at Wares Fair Friday, November 25

Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn from 1-3pm for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm and sponsored by Pepsi Beverages Company.

Ski Museum's Made in Maine Fireside Chat Friday, November 25

The story of Maine's long history of manufacturing ski equipment, its demise in the late 20th century, and renaissance in the 21st century. At the Bethel Historical Society, Broad Street from 7-9pm.

Demo Days at Sunday River November 26 & 27

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Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides Saturday, November 26

Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn from 1-3pm for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm and sponsored by Pepsi Beverages Company.

Fireworks at Sunday River Saturday, November 26

From 8:30-10pm. Best Viewing is slope-side at South Ridge or The Foggy Goggle deck.

Rotary's Country Breakfast Sunday, November 27

From 7:30-11am at Gould Academy's Ordway Hall. All-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast! Adults \$8 (\$10 at door), children \$5. Proceeds benefit community projects and scholarships.

Bethel Area Giving Tuesday at The Gem Theater Tuesday, November 29

12:00PM: Coffee time with BANC--We'll be stationed in the lobby, sharing coffee with community members stopping by, and checking in with BANC members on how well they are doing with their funding goals for the day. Computers available for making your online donation to any of these great not-for-profit organizations!

3:00-5:00PM: Poetic Bethel: Craft Talk and Discussion with Richard Blanco. Enjoy this poetry primer on sensory details exploring the connection between poetry and place, and try your hand at penning a poem about the Bethel region! (\$10 - Register at The Gem website)

5:00-6:30PM Social Hour--Local beer for purchase and free hors d'oeuvres provided by BANC members.

6:30-8:00PM Kids' Movies for the younger crowd, and three short films featuring local communities for the grown-ups: "Reviving the Freedom Mill" based in Freedom, ME, with brief talk by Nancy Smith of Grow Smart Maine.

"Mainland" a documentary about Skowhegan, ME including Q & A with Skowhegan farmer featured in the film, Sarah Smith.

"Thousand Feet and Below," a documentary about Maine's community-based ski areas, including our own Mt. Abram. If you haven't seen this yet, it's a must see! \$5 suggested donation at the door.

Community Supper

Wednesday, November 30

Join others in the community at Bethel Alliance Church for a wonderful meal free of charge from 4:30-6pm.

Cranberry-Gorgonzola Green Salad

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup seasoned rice vinegar
- 3/4 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 1 small head Bibb lettuce, torn
- 1 apple, chopped
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts, toasted
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese

Whisk together first 4 ingredients in a small bowl; set aside. Just before serving, combine Bibb lettuce and next 5 ingredients in a large bowl. Pour dressing over salad and toss gently. Serves 8.

Rosemary-Garlic Turkey

- 14 1/2 oz can chicken broth
- 1 cup butter, sliced
- 1/2 cup white wine or chicken broth
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 1 lemon, zest removed and fruit sliced
- 2 tbsp honey
- 12 lb. turkey, thawed if frozen
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 10 cloves garlic, peeled

Combine broth, butter and the half-cup of wine or broth in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Add rosemary and lemon zest. Simmer over low heat for 20 minutes. Stir in honey. Remove from heat and set aside, keeping warm. Pat turkey dry and remove giblets. Sprinkle turkey with salt and pepper. Place turkey breast-side up on a wire rack in a roasting pan. Add lemon slices and garlic to roasting pan. Roast turkey at 350 degrees for about three hours, basting with broth mixture every 30 minutes, until a meat thermometer inserted into thigh reads 165 degrees. Transfer to a serving platter and let stand 20 to 30 minutes before carving. Serves 10.

Loaded Mashed Potato Casserole

- 5 to 6 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1/2 cup milk
- 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 8 oz. container sour cream
- 2 tsp dried parsley
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 3/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 12 slices bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled

Cover potatoes with water in a large saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat, simmer for 20 to 25 minutes. Drain well. Mash until light and fluffy. In a large bowl, beat together all ingredients except Cheddar cheese and bacon until smooth and creamy. Spoon into a lightly greased 13"x9" baking pan and sprinkle with cheese and bacon. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until heated through. Serves 10 to 12.

Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes

- 6 sweet potatoes
- 1/2 cup plus 1 tbsp butter, melted and divided
- 6 tbsp apple juice
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 cup mini marshmallows
- 1/2 cup sweetened flaked coconut

Bake sweet potatoes at 375 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes, until tender. Cool slightly. Partially slice potatoes lengthwise and scoop out centers, leaving eighth-inch thick shells. Mash potato pulp in a medium bowl. Add half-cup butter, apple juice, brown sugar and ginger. Beat until fluffy. Spoon into shells. Mix together marshmallows, coconut and remaining butter, then spoon over potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes, until heated through. Makes 6 servings.

Honey-Kissed Acorn Squash

- 2 acorn squash, halved lengthwise and seeded
- 3 tbsp honey
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 tbsp chopped pecans
- 2 tbsp sweetened dried cranberries or cherries
- 2 tbsp crushed pineapple

Garnish: Nutmeg

Place squash halves, cut-side up in a microwave-safe dish. Microwave on high setting until tender, about 8 to 10 minutes. Combine remaining ingredients except nutmeg. Spoon into squash halves. Microwave on high setting for 30 to 45 seconds, until heated through and slightly glazed. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Serves 4.

Cranberry-Pecan Stuffing

- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 1 cup celery chopped
- 1/2 cup butter
- 16 oz. can whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 2 tbsp chicken bouillon granules
- 16 slices bread, cubed and dried
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 2 tsp poultry seasoning
- 3 cups water

In a large skillet over medium heat, cook onion and celery in butter until onion is translucent. In a small saucepan over low heat, combine cranberry sauce and bouillon, stirring until bouillon is dissolved. Combine remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Add onion and cranberry mixtures. Gently blend. Spoon stuffing into greased 3-quart casserole dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, or until heated through. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Honey Wheat Bread

- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 tbsp salt
- 2 envelopes active dry yeast
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 cups whole-wheat flour

Garnish: additional melted butter

Mix together honey, salt, and yeast in a large bowl and set aside. Heat milk until very warm, about 120 to 130 degrees. Add milk to honey mixture, along with remaining ingredients except garnish. Knead until a smooth stretchy consistency is reached. Place in a greased bowl, cover and set in a warm place. Let rise until double, about 2 to 3 hours. Punch down. Divide dough and form into 5 round loaves. Place loaves on lightly greased baking sheets, 2 to 3 per sheet. Let rise for one additional hour. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Brush tops of loaves with butter when done. Makes 5 loaves.

Perfect Pumpkin-Apple Cake

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar, packed
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp salt

Optional: chopped walnuts or pecans to taste

21 oz. can apple pie filling

12 oz. container frozen whipped topping, thawed

In a large bowl, beat together butter and brown sugar with an electric mixer on low speed until well mixed. Beat in pumpkin and eggs until well blended. In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Slowly add flour mixture to butter mixture, beat for 2 minutes. Fold in nuts, if using. Spoon pie filling into a slow cooker, pour batter over pie filling. Cover and cook on high setting for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, until a toothpick test clean. Garnish servings with a dollop of whipped topping. Serves 8.

Fudge Brownie Pie

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup margarine, melted
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup baking cocoa
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Garnish: vanilla ice cream

Beat sugar and margarine together. Add eggs and mix well. Stir in flour, cocoa and salt, then mix in vanilla and nuts. Pour into a greased and floured 9-inch pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Cut into wedges and top with scoops of vanilla ice cream. Serves 6 to 8.




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Make the most of your Black Friday shopping

Black Friday is one the biggest shopping days of the year, and is often the perfect time to begin holiday shopping and save money on incredible deals. Thousands of eager shoppers will leave their homes in the early morning hours and wait in lines at stores in order to grab the best prices of the season, while retailers will be gearing up to lure the greatest number of shoppers. Surviving the day unscathed and arriving home with discounts galore involves having a game plan for success.

Know the prices of the items you want to buy. Scour advertisements in advance of Black Friday to gauge the regular retail prices for common items, including electronics. Comparison shop for the best prices and make notes to help you when Black Friday arrives.

Understand the fine print of "door busters." Door buster sales are meant to get shoppers into stores, where retailers hope shoppers will make additional purchases while taking advantage of advertised deals. If door buster items are all you're looking for, read the advertisements carefully, noting the start and end time of the discounts and if there will be limited quantities. In addition, determine if there is a special return policy for sale items purchased on Black Friday.

Dress for comfort. Wear sensible, comfortable shoes and clothing when shopping. Leave a large purse at home and opt for something compact that can be draped securely over your shoulder and body to navigate the crowds. Keep your coat in the car or make use of a coat check service if available. Dress in layers if you will be waiting outside for stores to open. This way you can shed clothing as the mercury rises or when you get inside.

Arrive together but shop separately. The "divide and conquer" method of shopping allows everyone in your shopping party to score good deals. Split up shopping tasks and then head to different areas of the store. Share and collect your purchases when you meet up after the rush.

Make a list and stick to it. Buyers' remorse come Saturday morning is common for those who have over-extended their budgets and purchased items they did not need. Know ahead of time what you plan to purchase and do not veer off course.

Scout the stores ahead of time. Visit the stores where you plan to shop a few days before Black

Friday. Learn the layout of the store and where everything is located. Try on certain clothes or read over the labels of big-ticket items you plan to buy. Knowing where items are located and having all of your information in advance will cut down on the time it takes to find items on Black Friday.

Don't overlook nontraditional stores. Many other stores, from pharmacies to supermarkets, stock items apart from food and toiletries. Consider taking advantage of their sales for some Black Friday deals.

Clean out your car prior to shopping. Make room in the trunk or cargo area for all of your purchases. For those who will be buying large, heavy items, find out if the store will ship the merchandise or will hold it aside until you can take it home. Understand that some stores will not hold items and enlist a friend or spouse to help you pack purchases into the car.

Promptly store receipts. Designate a folder or envelope for all of your receipts to keep them organized and handy.

Pack a small snack and drink. It's easy to become dehydrated and hungry waiting in long lines, which can compromise your decision-making abilities. Bring a snack so that you can recharge your body and continue shopping.

Leave the kids at home. Black Friday shopping can be stressful, and children can easily get lost or bumped around in the fray. It is safer to leave them home so you can focus your full attention on shopping.

Know when to call it quits. Establish a firm cut-off time for ending your shopping excursion. This way you can head home, rest and sort through your purchases.



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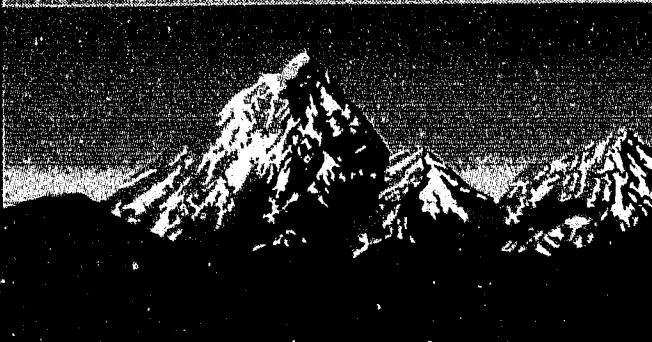
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The public is cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District on Dec. 3 at the First Congregational Church of Paris in South Paris. Starting at 5:30, there will be a time for visiting, followed by dinner, awards, and entertainment. Guest Speaker for the evening will be Scott Vlaun of CEBC, Center for an Ecology-Based Economy.

Award presentations will be made to the following individuals and businesses: Partnership Award - SWOAM (Small Woodlot Owners of Maine)

For the past few years, SWOAM and OCSWCD have partnered to bring several workshops and training to the Oxford County area. These included a visit to the Tenmile River Demonstration Forest in Brownfield, Invasive Forest Pest, and Invasive Plant ID and Non-Traditional Forest Products.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Jane Heikkinen

For the past 25 years, Jane has been the first face folks would see when visiting Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Oxford and Androscoggin counties. Her outlook is best described as follows. When asked to tell a bit about her history with the district, she made a huge list and headed it "Special People I Got to Work With." She says "At the end of each work day, there was the satisfaction of knowing a passion to help others had been accomplished. The greatest satisfaction was working together with so many people over the years with the Soil and Water Conservation Districts to have a positive impact on our natural resources." She put her heart into her work and her retirement will leave a big hole in our offices!

Award for Continuing Support of Educational Programs

Oxford County Extension Service

Annual Local Working Group meetings are held at the Extension Office each year in late November to early December to provide recommendations for the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). For several years we have worked together on Learning Stations for Agriculture & Conservation Day at Waterford and Oxford Fairs. This year we're very proud to have had a new Envirothon Team in Oxford County made up of a group of 4-Hers. These teens studied hard and competed at the Southwest Regional Envirothon held at the Robert's Farm in Norway. As part of their studies, they also attended our Invasive Forest Pest Presentation.

First Baptist Church of Paris

With its large, comfortable space Cummings Hall at First Baptist Church is a wonderful place to hold workshops. Some of the events and workshops held in the past few years include How to Build a Farm Pond, Trout Stocking (for your private pond), Invasive Forest Pest Survey complete with Walk 'n

Talk around historic Paris Hill and Non-traditional Forest Products such as fiber, food, herbs, medicinal, ornamentals, resins, seeds and Maine Woods Icons (walking sticks and balsam pillows).

2016 Volunteer Awards

Marilyn Jones

Miss Marilyn has helped with Agriculture & Conservation Day at both Waterford and Oxford Fair for several years as our "registration" lady. She likes drawing the names for door prizes, too!

Linda Hooker/Hooker Family Farm

Linda has been part of Agriculture & Conservation Day for a long time! She also volunteered her help at the Southwestern Envirothon this year and lends a hand wherever needed. Her farm in Oxford has hosted the Annual Plant & Tree Sale for the past two years.

Oxford Hills Christian Academy

This is the third time we've given the high school students at OCHA an award for volunteerism and it is richly deserved. These teens are amazing! In addition to their help with Agriculture & Conservation Day at the Oxford County Fair this year they volunteered at the Southwestern Regional Envirothon as runners for each of the stations, prepared snacks and food for over 100 people - and stayed for clean-up. We couldn't do it without their help!

2016 Annual Photo Contest

The winner of the first place photo is titled "Spring" by Lori Hill of Waterford. Lori will receive a prize package of items provided by the Paris Farmers Union, Aubuchon Hardware and Young's Greenhouse. Photos receiving Honorable Mention are: "A Walk in Maine Woods" by nine-year-old Hunter Koskela of Bethel, "Loons on Hall's Pond" by Charles Martin of South Paris and "Winter" by Lori Hill of Waterford.

2016 Oxford County Big Tree Contest

Certificates and prizes for winners of the 2016 Oxford County Big Tree Contest will be awarded for finders of seven new county champs, including the amazing new Chestnut tree found in Lovell, which has been declared the "tallest" Chestnut tree in North America. Other "Big Trees" found this year included American Elm, Black Cherry, Balsam Fir, Common Juniper, Black Spruce and Witch Hazel.

There will also be a ticket auction with lots of great items - just in time for the holidays! Guests may purchase tickets for a chance on several nice items and certificates.

The OCSWCD Annual Reports will be available online by early December.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. You may reserve your seat(s) by calling us at 743-5789, ext. 111, or by contacting us at oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com. Please join us for an interesting and enjoyable evening. RSVP by Nov. 25.



LITTLE HELPING HANDS-On Sunday Girl Scout Daisy Troop 2100 helped Dave Bean at the Bethel Area Food Pantry put together 57 Thanksgiving meal baskets for area families. Pictured are, from left: Skylar Dunn, Dave Bean, Stella Dunn, Parker Gilman, Cody-Ann Scanlon, Idella Cooley, Quinn Coolidge, Kylee Coffin, Natalie Charette, Isla DeCato. The Daisies will host a Classic Holiday Movie Fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 12:30 p.m. at The Gem to raise money for the Food Pantry. All of the ticket sales will go to the Food Pantry. In addition, A LuLaRoe Boutique will be there. A portion of those sales will go to the Food Bank.

Submitted photo

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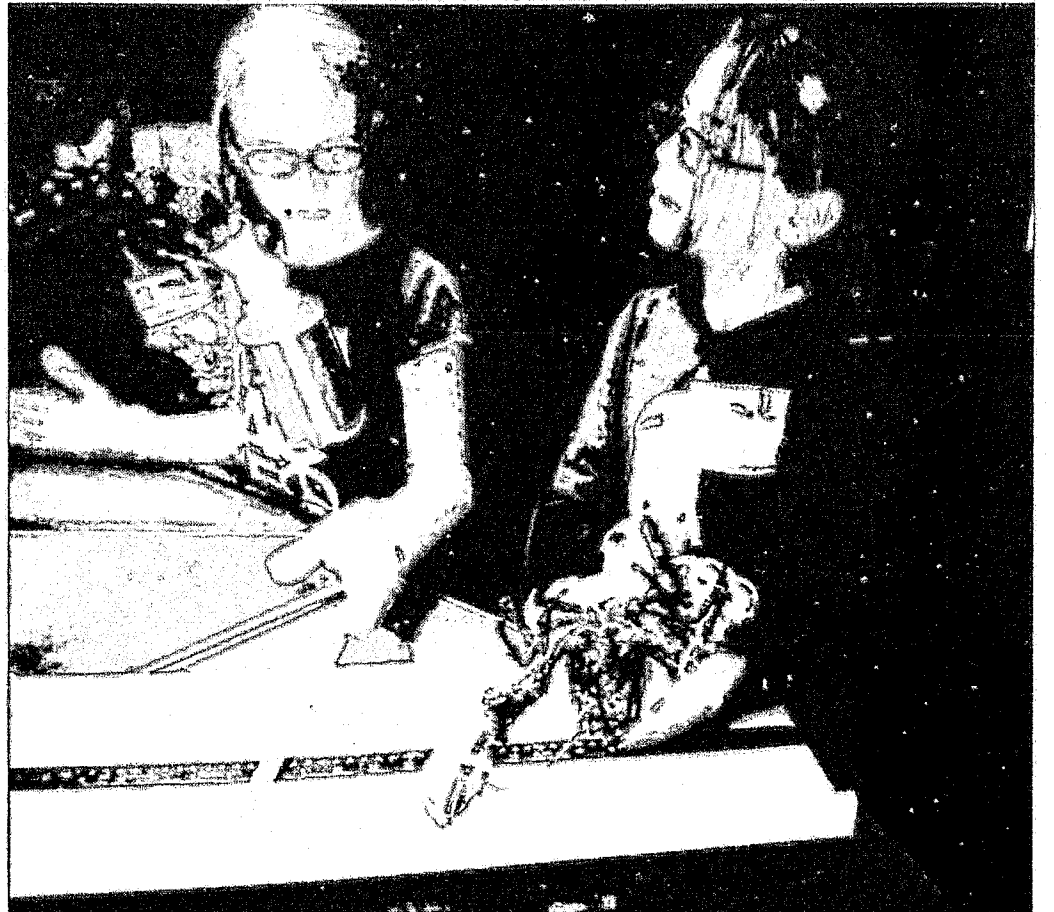
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TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL



Students in Kate Slattery's science class at TMS science class made terrariums using materials donated from a childhood friend of Mrs. Slattery.

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY



Woodstock Elementary fifth-graders at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute. Students took on the role of scientists and participated in hands-on research to investigate how humans are affecting the lobster population in the Gulf of Maine.

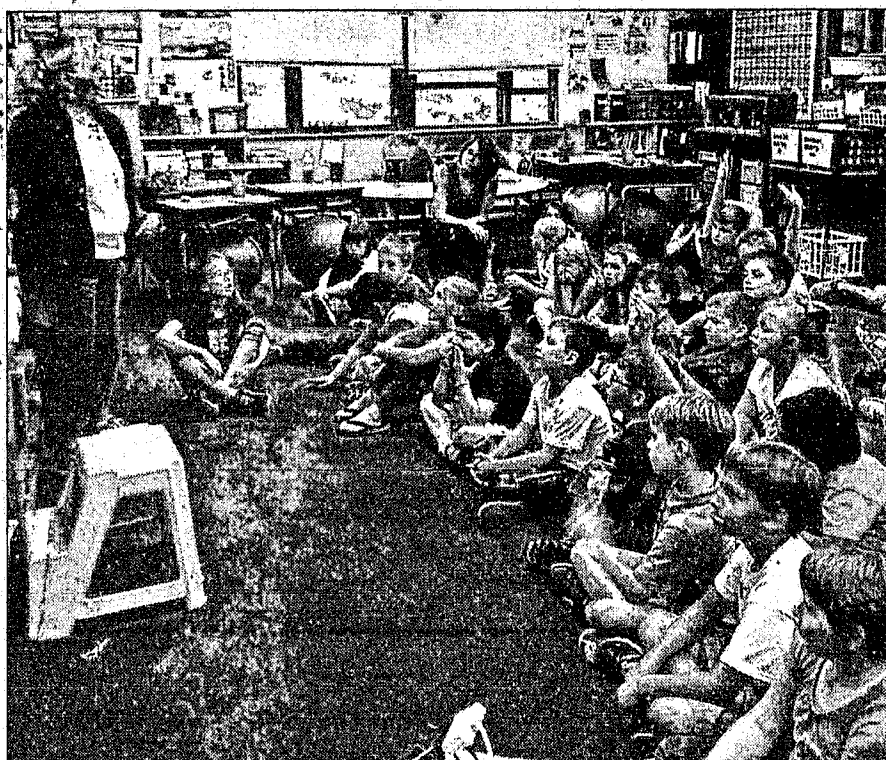
CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL



Miss Haines's class hosted a mock election for the fourth and fifth grades at CPS. Here Sylvia McClure and Jocelyn Nivus are checking in Kaden Paaso. The class is learning about government, and running an election was a great learning experience.



Veteran's Day Guest - A big thank you goes out to Mr. Chapman (Vincent and Emma's father) for sharing what life is like in the military to all our second graders at CPS. He has been in the Navy and is currently serving in the Army. He shared his uniforms, prepackaged food used when on duty, his day-to-day activities, and pictures taken from times when he was on active duty. It was both interesting and informative!



Community Experts Teach Biodiversity to CPS Second Graders-Left, Judy Coolidge-Cross explains the tree - animal connection. Right, students looking over a variety of animal furs.



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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHO GIVES PRESENTS TO BABY SHARKS?

MADRAS	—	DRAMA	JANGLE	—	ANGEL
BARBIE	—	BRIBE	CROAKS	—	CORKS
VENDOR	—	DROVE	SWIVEL	—	VEILS
LITTER	—	RELIT	RECAST	—	CARET
HORACE	—	CHORE			

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Throat ailment
6 Rial earner
12 Final Four initials
16 "It was only OK"
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20 Singer/liddler Krauss
21 MP3 player attachment
23 Took a big step to relieve debt [YEOAUU]
25 Worker "standing by"
26 Enjoy
27 Surpasses
29 Wanton man
30 Carry on, as business
34 Mind-altering chemical substances [YOEIEU]
38 Rip off
39 Musical gourd
42 Composer of many marches
43 Withdrawn
44 Hebrew "A"
47 Transformed
49 Tirade

DOWN

51 Cooking contest since 1949 [UYAEU]
53 Study of bonds between atoms [OEUYAI]
59 Poker-pot promise
60 Of an average
62 Episodic drama
63 Basic human intelligence
66 U. URL ending
69 Hunter constellation
71 Fencing move
72 Spanish for "that"
73 President before Rutherford Birchard Hayes [UYEIOA]
77 "Imagine!"
78 Disney movie
80 Daughter of Desi Arnaz
81 Posed (for)
82 Suffix with Oktober
83 Zedong's theories
85 "G'day" sayer
88 Shower with flowers, e.g.
90 "Sicko" and "Super Size Me," e.g. [OEUYAI]
92 "Dear Abby" is one [YIAEUE]
98 Mazar of "Entourage"
99 From sunup to sundown
101 Follower of "had a farm"
102 Morris, e.g.
105 Gone up
108 Naval clerk
110 Flutter
111 In great demand
112 Morris, e.g.
113 Spanish for "that"
114 Trapped by a blizzard
117 Sheltered, nautically
118 Plaza Hotel girl
121 Leslie Caron musical
122 Seder time
126 Thwarters of Boris Badenov [OYAUIE]
131 Neighbor of a Sudanese
132 "SOS!"
133 "So do I!"
134 The, to René
135 Suffix with disk
136 Palace of Paris
137 For — (dirt-cheap)
36 Bygone emperors
37 "Peanuts" boy Linus —
40 Radio-switch letters
41 Sidewalk eatery
45 Fraternity letters
46 "Silicon Valley" ailer
48 Arab chiefs
50 No — traffic
52 Wishes away
54 Been abed
55 Obstructs
56 Burn slightly
57 Zoo pens
58 Winty mix
61 Ding-a-lings
63 Online health info site
64 Stern with a violin
65 May greeting card opener
67 Fast Net svc.
68 Normal
70 Gun org.
73 People itemizing
74 Bathtub gunk
75 — beat (hesitate)
76 Abbr. on a food label
79 Tough spot
82 Central points
84 The head honcho
86 Capri, e.g.
87 Inside: Prefix
89 Verse tribute
91 Sole, for one
93 Obstructs
94 Blue color
95 Preface
96 Skirt style
97 Both-hands-up time
100 Rhapsodic
102 Small church
103 Blazing
104 Hurdle for a grad student
106 E'erlasting
107 Titans' org.
109 Longtime Steelers coach
112 In case that
113 Musical Mel
115 Wife of Fred Flintstone
116 Actor Cary
119 Vodka brand
120 Outer limits
123 Mined metal
124 Animal doc
125 Devour
127 2000 Peace Nobel Kim
128 "Toodles."
129 "— Tiki!"
130 Ship record

VOWELS ON VACATION

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences:

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: G equals Y

KBDLHJB DYRDLQU RJ OYB VRFPG

DROG, PU GUH XFUV RE KLFXJ

OYBCB CBQHWLCWG NCUSRPB

USBCPCLEO NCUOBDORUF?

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Kids' Maze

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		7		8		3
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answers

Super Crossword

ACROSS

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30 Carry on, as business: BUSINESS
34 Mind-altering chemical substances: DRUGS
38 Rip off: RIP OFF
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44 Hebrew "A": A
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105 Gone up: UP
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122 Seder time: SEDER
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131 Neighbor of a Sudanese: NEIGHBOR
132 "SOS!": SOS
133 "So do I!": SO
134 The, to René: THE
135 Suffix with disk: DISK
136 Palace of Paris: PALACE
137 For — (dirt-cheap): CHEAP

SNOWFLAKES

1: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
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Weekly SUDOKU

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7: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
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9: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

CryptoQuip

Today's Word: DIVORCE
1. Score: 2. Revolve: 3. Drap: 4. Single

SCRAMBLERS

Decide: SNORC
Void: EVOKER
Adorn: PADER
Alone: ELIGNS

Kids' Maze Solution

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Nov. 25

Local Craft & Wares Fair at the Bethel Inn Resort Conference Center; Avoid the mall insanity on Black Friday - shop locally with 35+ handmade craft vendors right in the village of Bethel. Christmas and home decor, jewelry, toys, accessories, art, natural bath & beauty products, and lots more. Organized by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. www.bethelmaine.com/countrychristmas

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel Village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Pepsi Beverages Co.

Made in Maine: 100-Plus Years of Craftsmanship in Skiing; Ski Museum of Maine's Fireside Chat, 7 p.m. at Bethel Historical Society Exhibit Hall. The presentation tells the story of our state's long history of manufacturing ski equipment, the demise of the industry in the late 20th century and its current renaissance in the 21st. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Nov. 26

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Pepsi Beverages Co.

Sunday, Nov. 27

Bethel Rotary Country Breakfast; 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy, Church Street, Bethel. Adults (\$10 at the door) and children \$5. Tickets may be purchased from the website or from any Rotarian. Proceeds from the breakfast benefit Rotary's local scholarships and community projects. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Bethel. FMI: www.BethelRotary.org

Monday, Nov. 28

Waterford Library; Book Reading and Adult Coloring with Julie Yarbrough, 7 p.m. Local artist and fiber artist will introduce her new coloring book, "Dances With Wools;" a fiber animal fantasy original coloring book. The author and illustrator will talk about her book, fiber art and answer questions. Books will be available for purchase. Celebrate the release of her coloring book with some adult coloring and refreshments. Wine glasses and all art materials are provided at this free event.

Tuesday, Nov. 29

Seniors Plus Medicare Choices; one on one counseling on Medicare Choices during the fall open enrollment period. Free individual one-hour counseling by appointment only. Telstar High School. 12 p.m.-5 p.m. To sign up: call 800-427-1241 and ask for the Bethel site. Walk-ins are not accepted.

"Giving Tuesday;" 12 p.m.-3 p.m. Giving Tuesday is a day to give back to your community. To celebrate and support nonprofit groups in our community, the Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative is hosting a Poetry Craft Talk and Discussion with Richard Blanco; a social hour with food and drink; and a suite of films about community strength and resilience. Please join with several of the Bethel region's nonprofit organizations for food, conversation and films between 12 noon and 8 p.m. at The Gem Theater. For complete details, and to register for "Poetic Bethel with Richard Blanco" (cost is \$10), please visit www.thegemtheater.com. FMI: BANC Network Facilitator Amy Scott at (207) 357-3189.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Story Time; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring preschoolers to the library to listen to stories, explore the children's section, and check out books. If you would like to volunteer to read on an occasional or regular basis, please call the library at 824-2520.

Reading and book signing with Anne Morin; 6:30 p.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street. Andover author, educator, and retired neuroscientist Anne Morin will read from her forthcoming book, "Experiment Two: Murder in Seaview," and will sell and sign copies of her first crime novel, "Experiment One: Murder in the Lab." Light refreshments served. FMI, 824-2580.

Waterford Library; 7 p.m. Yarn Art Wall Hanging. Bring your scrap yarn, swap colors with your neighbor to create a work of art. We will provide the wine glasses and all the coloring materials you will need at this free event.

Bethel Alliance Church; Community Supper 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. (No charge) Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Rd. (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information

Thursday, Dec. 1

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens; Meeting at Woodstock Fire Station. There will be an exchange of gifts (man - man and woman - woman.) Please bring gifts for Kids for Christmas.

Friday, Dec. 2

Activity Night; Telstar Middle School, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Cookies with Santa and Tree Lighting-Woodstock

Elementary School; 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Santa lights Woodstock's Christmas tree, then the fire department brings him over to Woodstock Elementary School where you can have cookies with him.

Adult Mental Health First Aid; Fryeburg at the Legion Hall on Bradley Street. This course is for anyone age 16 or older who basically lives, works or interacts with a person age 18 or over and wants to learn how to help a person experiencing a mental health challenge. The courses are free to participants with a \$5 lunch fee. For more information and to register for any of these courses, go to <http://www.namimaine.org/events> or call NAMI Maine: 1-800-464-5767 ext. 2320. For local information, you may call NAMI Western Mountains affiliate leader Dottie Adams, 364-2197.

Christmas Tree Lighting; 6 p.m. on the common in Bryant Pond. Following cookies with Santa at the Woodstock Elementary School.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Rabies Clinic; At the Bethel Fire Station from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$16, and payment must be made in cash only. A staff member from the Bethel Town Office will be available to license dogs from Bethel, Albany, and Mason residents. Licensing fees are \$11 per dog or \$6 for spayed or neutered dogs.

Annual Christmas Fair & Tea; This annual event at West Parish Congregational Church will be held from 1-4 p.m. Get into the Christmas spirit as you enjoy a relaxing time with friends and neighbors around the tea table. At the fair, you will find many gift items and things to enjoy: cookies at the Cookie Walk, Tiny Treasures, Christmas Decorations, Crafts and knitted items. A special addition this year will be gifts from Kenya, the proceeds from which will benefit Kakamega Orphan Care Center.

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel Village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by River View Resort.

Breakfast with Santa-Crescent Park School; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Pancake Breakfast with Santa followed by photos, silent auction, and book sale to benefit the 5th-grade class trip to Boston.

Light Up Main Street Jingle Bell Walk; 3:45 p.m.-5 p.m. Watch Main St. businesses light up one-by-one as carolers walk toward the town common to light the Christmas tree. Carolers will be given bells (donated by Bevin Bells) to tie to an ankle. Santa accompanies the parade of carolers on a fire truck. Meet at Philbrook Place by 3:45 p.m. to participate. Tree lighting on the common will take place at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Classic Holiday Movie Fundraiser; One hour of classic holiday movies sponsored by Girl Scout Daisy Troop 2100. Tickets \$6. 100 percent of ticket sales will be donated to the Bethel Community Food Pantry. There will be a Lula Roe Boutique. A portion of sales will go to the Food Pantry. At The Gem Theater, 23 Cross St., Bethel. 207-824-8248. <http://www.thegemtheater.com/products/classic-holiday-movie-fundraiser-12-3-16-12-30>

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Christmas at the Mason House; The Bethel Historical Society's annual old-fashioned Christmas open house will take place at the historic Dr. Moses Mason House (corner of Broad and Mason streets). Decorated in traditional 19th-century style and lit by candles, the first-floor period rooms in Bethel Hill's oldest surviving home will be open to the public from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Visitors will be able to step back in time as they enjoy old-style refreshments in the formal dining room and harp music performed in the parlor by Conni St. Pierre. The event is free, but donations will be welcome.

Baptist Church Christmas party; 2 p.m. Bryant Pond Baptist Church. There will be snacks, a giveaway, and a Yankee Swap.

Sunday, Dec. 4

Mahoosuc Community Band annual Christmas Concert; 4 p.m. at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. The concert will be a mix of traditional music and Christmas favorites. Donations to defray the cost of music accepted at the door. Refreshments to follow.

The Western Maine Art Group Christmas Party; Matolcsy Art Center, 480 Main Street, Norway, from 5 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served and live music will be provided by pianist Matt Draper. All are invited to come and meet our artists and enjoy their work. We will have an exhibit and sale of 10x10 paintings for \$100 which will be our fundraiser to be used toward MAC improvements.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Holiday arrangement workshop; Join McLaughlin

Garden & Homestead between 2 and 6 p.m. to create a holiday arrangement for your table. Bring a bowl or other small vessel, and we'll supply the greens and natural materials at the cost of \$5 per arrangement. We will have ribbons, Oasis, and notions available for purchase.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club Potluck Supper and Meeting; 6 p.m. at their clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. Following the supper, club members will hold their regularly scheduled meeting. If you have questions or concerns regarding the activity of snowmobiling in Andover please come to the meeting and potluck supper. Anyone interested in snowmobiling in the area or becoming a club member is welcome to join our supper and Please bring a dish to share.

Thursday, Dec. 8

The Gould Academy Chamber Ensemble; There will be a performance at the United Methodist Church on Main Street in Bethel on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. They will be performing works by Vivaldi, Piazzolla, and Tchaikovsky. The Chamber Ensemble is directed by Gould's Edison Quinotoa and coached by Thomas Mesa through the distance learning partnership between Gould and the Manhattan School of Music. These coaching sessions take place online via a video conferencing studio located on the Gould campus. The instrumentation for this ensemble includes four violins, two cellos, three flutes, and piano. There will also be two solo piano performances of Liszt and Beethoven as well as a piano and violin duet performing a work by John Williams. This concert is free and open to the public and seating is general admission. The program will be about one hour in length. Don't miss this chance to see some world-class musicians perform. Please join us for an evening of delightful classical music.

Christmas Sing-a-long; The Oxford Hills Ukulele group, along with Jim Burke on the keyboard, back by popular demand, will be at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond at 2 p.m. The program is open to the public at no charge. Holiday refreshments will be served. Come and join the fun.

Friday, Dec. 9

West Paris Library 90th Anniversary; in conjunction with the annual "Let Your Light Shine" celebration, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

LRCC Winter Concerts; 3 p.m. at the Twitchell Chapel at the Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton. The program offers a great variety of musical styles from the classical to popular and everything in between.

Saturday, Dec. 10

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank

Bryant Pond Baptist Church Ladies Day Out; 2 p.m. trip to Community Theater in Auburn to see "A Christmas Carol."

Sunday, Dec. 11

LRCC Winter Concerts; 7 p.m. at the Twitchell Chapel at the Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton. The program offers a great variety of musical styles from the classical to popular and everything in between.

Monday, Dec. 12

Bethel selectmen's meeting; 6 p.m. at Town Office.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Rotary Annual Holiday Senior Luncheon; at the Locke Mills Legion Hall, noon. Share in fellowship and feast on a ham dinner with all the fixins.

Telstar High & Middle School Winter Concert; 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Bethel Senior Citizens Club; Meeting and dinner at the Sudbury at 11 a.m. The menu is beef steak or baked haddock. Reservations must be before Dec. 1, by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. The price of a meal is \$15.

Friday, Dec. 16

Youth Mental Health First Aid Course; West Parish Congregational Church, Church St., Bethel. This course focuses on recognizing and responding to mental health challenges in adolescents/teens. Free to participants with a \$5. lunch fee. For more information and to register for any of these courses, go to <http://www.namimaine.org/events> or call NAMI Maine: 800-464-5767 ext. 2320. For local information, you may call NAMI Western Mountains, ME affiliate leader Dottie Adams, 364-2197.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel Village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Smokin' Good BBQ.

Saturday, Dec. 24

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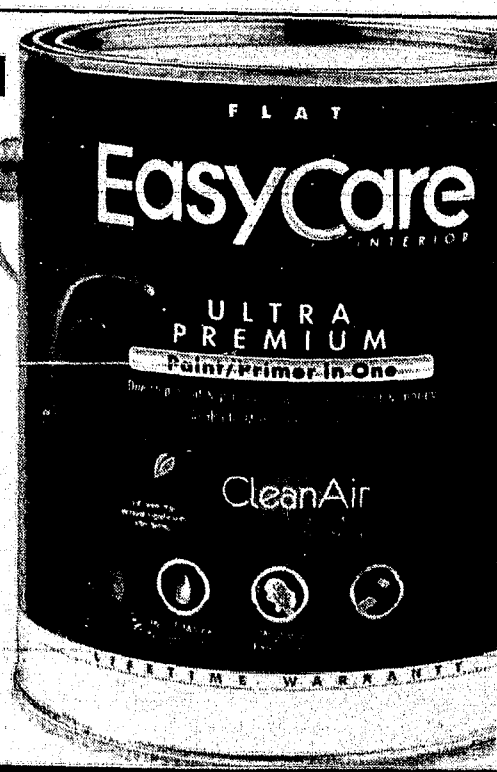
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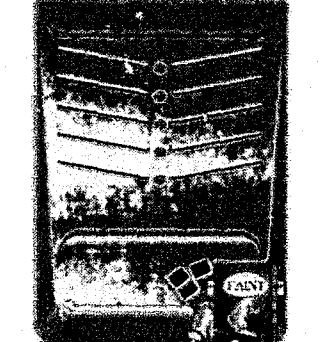
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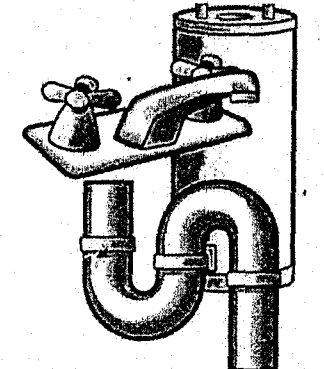
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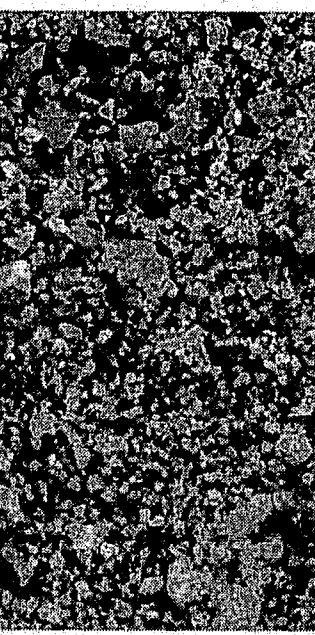
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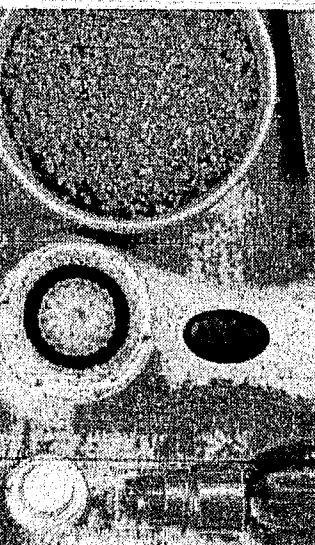
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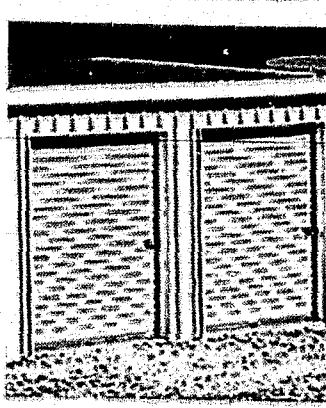
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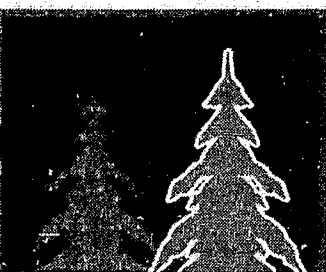
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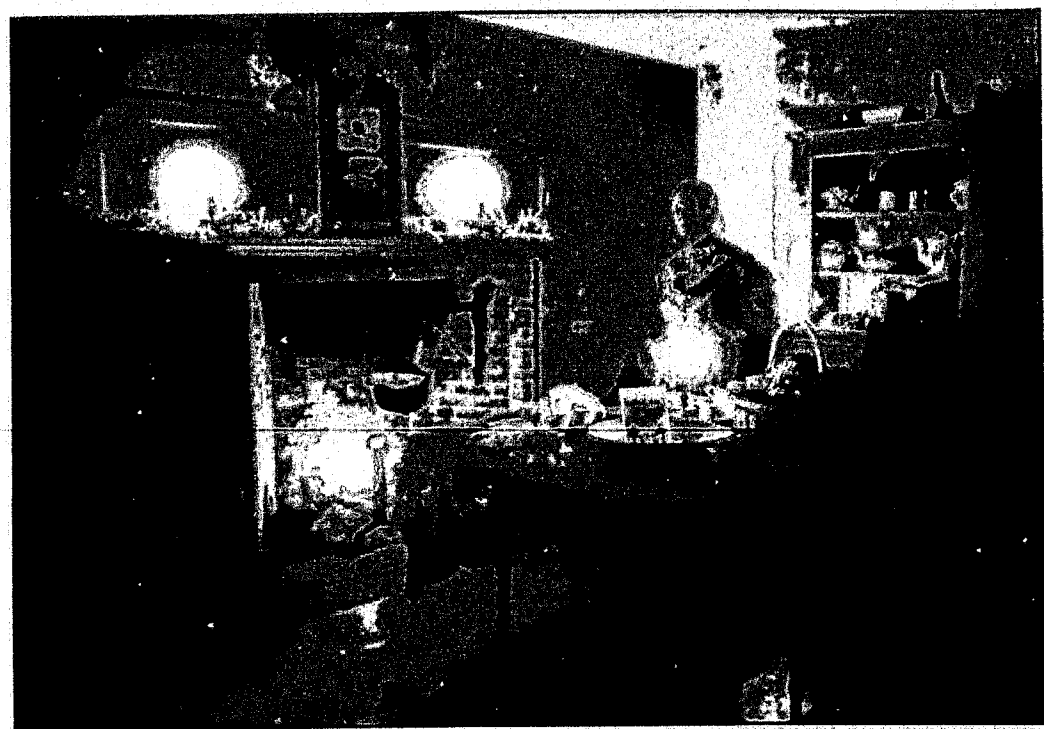


SANFORD A. RICKER
Sanford A. Ricker, 78, of Bryant Pond, died Nov. 19, 2016 at Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris after a long battle with cancer.
He was born on April 6, 1938 on the Ricker farm in Pinhook (Woodstock).

The son of Lucy (Ricker) Cox, but was raised by his uncle Edwin Ricker.
He attended school at Woodstock. On July 14, 1961, he married Martha (Cox) Ricker.
Sanford worked hard all of his life. He worked for many people as a wood-cutter, large equipment operator, millworker and at the town transfer station. He loved to hunt and fish.
Sanford is survived by his four children, Emery, Ruth Howe and her husband Cliff, Dale Gaudreau and her husband David and Sanford "Wayne," four grandchildren, Samantha Wheelock and her husband Tony, Zane Howe, Emily Gaudreau

and Alex Gaudreau; four great grandchildren, John Howe, Kiole Every, Emma and Hannah Wheelock; a brother Waywood Taylor and his wife Faye; and two sisters Trudy Brooks and Brenda Knapp and her husband Ken.
The family wishes to thank the staff at Ledgeview Living Center for the care and kindness they gave to our father and the whole family.
There will be no services. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 45 Main St., South Paris.
Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

News from the Bethel Historical Society



CHRISTMAS AT THE MASON HOUSE will take place Dec. 3 at the Bethel Historical Society.

Christmas at the Mason House
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Annual Fund Campaign underway
Once each year, the Society asks members and friends to put a value on its work by donating to the Annual Fund. These gifts help staff and volunteers maintain daily operations while providing high-quality educational programs, exhibitions, and research activities for people of all ages. Founded in 1966, the Society collects, preserves, displays and interprets historically significant artifacts and documents relating to western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire for the benefit of residents, visitors, students, scholars, and its members. Through exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the Society strives to make the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable. Donations in any amount may be mailed to P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217 or made online by visiting the Society's website at www.bethelhistorical.org.
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December services of West Paris Universalist Church

It is the most wonderful time of the year, because many of us share special moments of comfort and joy with family and friends. Please join us for Sunday worship services at 9 a.m. Services are provided by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson, guest speakers, and the Worship Service Committee. All are welcome to attend. And, please also remember to reach out to those who may need our comfort.
Dec. 4, 'Bring Many Names,' led by the Reverend Fayre Stephenson who provides services to our church at least twice a month. As we find ourselves in the midst of holiday busyness, sometimes we wonder what happened to the deeper meaning of the season. At this service, we who bring many theologies to Unitarian Universalism will explore our unique understandings of the divine as a source of comfort, and joy.
Dec. 18, 'Light One Candle,' led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson. This year Christmas and the beginning of Chanukah coincide. As we and our Jewish brothers and sisters prepare to celebrate, we'll consider the sources of hope found in each of our traditional holidays.
Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 p.m. This service will be a tra-

ditional service of readings and carols for the whole family. There will be special music, a choir, and participants from the congregation. Invite your friends and families!
Dec. 11, 'The Power of Pausing,' led by guest speaker Pat Harris who will offer a reflection that will consider the value of taking time in our lives to stop - to pause - and to consider what it is that makes life worth living. Pat, a third generation UU, enthusiastically embraces lay ministry and has been practicing her passion for 28 years. She is currently a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick where she serves on the Board, Worship and Building & Grounds Committees, and facilitates a UU Writers Group. When she isn't at church, she is a writer, a quilter, an art journaler, and a "mother" to Emma Leah, a six-year-old German Shepherd, and two beloved old cats.
More. For more information about the church and services, please contact Marta Clements 674-2143, mclements96894@roadrunner.com, or Bob Clifford at 674-3442, bobbarlen@megalink.net. To learn more about Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, please visit <http://www.uua.org/>

Age Friendly Community news

Four people from our Bethel Area Age-Friendly Community Initiative recently participated in the Caregiver Conversations event at Sunday River. It was a fantastic day of shared learning, with many perspectives offered on the issues facing family caregivers and the existing (and potential) support systems and services in our communities. We are working toward convening a group of family caregivers from the Bethel/Greenwood/Newry/Woodstock areas, to explore how a support group might function and how to organize such services as short-term respite care for caregivers and day-care services for dementia patients and the like. FMI

information: nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110. A leading local provider of information and services for caregivers is Seniors Plus, with a local office in Lewiston (seniorsplus.org, 1-800-427-1241). Check out their many services, including caregiver support and Alzheimer's education and respite.
To serve a variety of other needs in our area, Community Concepts is a valuable resource (community-concepts.org, 743-7716, Market Square in S. Paris). Among their services is fuel assistance; their website notes that "The Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP) serves Oxford & Androscoggin counties, providing assistance for income eligible households to offset the rising costs of home energy, whether you have wood, electric, gas or oil heat. The benefit is paid directly to client's fuel vendor of choice."
Another Community Concepts service is transportation programs. We are fortunate to be partnering with them on our new Volunteer Driver Program. If you are an over-60 resident of Bethel, Greenwood, Newry or Woodstock, you may call 824-4444 to talk with our coordinator, Kay Larson, and request a free ride - at least three business days ahead - to medical or other appointments.

Stephens Healthcare grants offered

The Stephens Community Healthcare Foundation has announced they

are now accepting grant applications. Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2016, and awards will be decided on or before Feb. 1, 2017. Eligibility requirements for grants from the Stephens Community Health Care Foundation are tied to sustainable healthcare initiatives.
The Stephens Community Healthcare Foundation is a non-profit organization that was created in 1999. The foundation's primary purpose is to provide philanthropic support for the capital needs of Western Maine Health and Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Funding awards are generally limited to non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations based in or benefiting healthcare initiatives in the Stephens Memorial Hospital service area.
If your organization has interest in applying for a Stephens Community Healthcare Foundation grant, please contact the Development Office, at 207-744-6052 or download the application from the website at www.wmnhcc.org

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The fee for the rabies shot is \$16.00.
PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH ONLY!
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